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HMAS NEWCASTLE Awarded the Gloucester Cup

HMAS Newcastle was awarded the Gloucester Cup by the Governor General, Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC during a ceremony at Garden Island Sydney on 6 April 2010.

Commander Australian Fleet, Rear Admiral Steve Gilmore, AM, CSC, RAN, and Commodore Training, Commodore Daryl Bates, AM, RAN, joined the Governor-General in presenting the Commanding Officer of *Newcastle*, Commander Justin Jones, RAN, with the award which recognises the Fleet unit foremost in all aspects of operations, safety, seamanship, reliability and unit level training.

The Gloucester Cup was instituted in 1947 by the then Governor-General, the Duke of Gloucester, and acknowledges excellence in operational efficiency, seamanship, supply and administration, training, maintenance and resourcefulness.

Commanding Officer of *Newcastle*, Commander Justin Jones, said he was honoured to lead the ship which won the Gloucester Cup.

"This is a very proud day for our ship and recognises the hard work each and every crew member puts in," Commander Jones said.

"Each individual has played a critical role in helping us achieve this award. I am particularly pleased that many families were also able to attend the ceremony today. They too have played an important role in supporting the Ship's Company's performance. I feel very privileged to work alongside such a happy and dedicated crew."

The ship was also presented two other fleet

awards. The Spada Shield recognises the surface combatant foremost in operations, safety, reliability, warfare and unit level training, and the Australia Cup for excellence in marine engineering.

Last year the ship undertook its biggest fundraising effort ever by raising \$57,000 for its charity, The Hunter Orthopaedic School in Newcastle. The Newcastle community was represented at the presentation by the Ship's Lady, Mrs Margaret McNaughton AM, the Lord Mayor, Clr John Tate, and the Principal of Hunter Orthopaedic School, Mrs Allison Sellers.

HMAS *Newcastle* will deploy for four months in April to Guam, Japan and then Canada for the 100th anniversary of the Canadian Navy. The ship will also participate in the international Exercise RIMPAC in Hawaii.



Events coming up

SUNDAY 25 April ANZAC DAY MARCH

Followed by refreshments with the HMAS SYDNEY VLSVA at East Lakes Football Club Kingston

THURSDAY 3 May meeting at Canberra Services Club at 1930

SUNDAY 30 May BBQ Pete Burn's Place Commencing at 1230



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General Meeting Dates and Locations

1 Apr Kaleen Sports Club	1330
6 May Manuka Services Club	1930
3 Jun Manuka Services Club	1930
1 Jul Viking Club Erindale	1330
5 Aug Kaleen Sports Club	1330

President's Note

The social programme for the year is firming up. Judith and Bev have done a good job, but it depends you to make it a success.

As I have said earlier, the NAA is essentially a social get together organisation and without your participation in the social programme, one of the main objectives of the NAA is difficult to achieve.

Unfortunately the galley in the Kaleen Sports Club was closed due to renovations and the introduction of a new contractor, so the Rivers Bistro was not available at our 1 April get together. I trust that the deficiency was not a direct result of the traditional meaning of the First of April. It did however cause several impromptu feasts in the various parts of the Kaleen Shopping Centre. The NAA has a good relationship in this shopping centre. It is where the Northside NAA poppy sellers distribute their goods in November.

See you on ANZAC Day. See page 11 for details of the events programmed for 25 April 2010.

Cheers

Peter Cooke-Russell

Executive meeting Canberra Services Club 1830 Thursday 3 May 2010

2 Sep Manuka Services Club	1930
6 Oct MV Southern Cross	1930 Wed
4 Nov Kaleen Sports Club	1330
2 Dec Manuka Services Club	1830
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3 Feb Manuka Services Club	1930
2 Mar MV Southern Cross AGM	1930 Wed

NAA ACT Section Event/Social Diary

25 Apr	ANZAC Day March with post march social Session at East Lake Football Club
30 May	BBQ at Peter Burn's place
24 Jun	Wednesday Get Together with lunch if you wish at the Vikings Club Tuggeranong 11.00 am–2.00 pm
22 Jul	Wednesday Get together morning tea then lunch if you wish Lakes Golf Club Gungahlin 11.00 am–2.00 pm
5 Aug	Lunch at the Kaleen Sports Club 12 noon before the General meeting at 1.30 pm
7 Aug	HMAS Canberra Memorial Service
26 Sep	Fish n Chips Grounds Canberra Yacht Club 5.00—7.00 pm approx BYO drinks or buy at CYC
7 Oct	Naval Memorial Service
21 Nov	Sunday Christmas BBQ at Don & Bev's backyard 12.00—4.00 pm approx

Veteran Pension Rates Increase

Veteran's pensions increased from 20 March, following the latest round of indexation adjustments and the single rate of service pension has topped \$700 for the first time. The first full payment at the new rates of pension was paid from payday 8 April 2010. The maximum rate of single service pension, including pension supplement, has increased by \$29.20 to \$701.10 per fortnight and the maximum rate for couples has increased by \$22.00 to \$528.50 per fortnight. The Special (T&PI) rate of disability pension increased by \$47.20 to \$1069.30 per fortnight. Extreme Disablement Adjustment increased to \$590.20 per fortnight. The pension paid to war widows increased by \$30.60 to \$709.60 per fortnight, while the ceiling rate of the income support supplement rose to \$211.90. Benefits paid under the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act* (MRCA) also increased. The MRCA wholly dependent partners periodic payment is \$354.80 per week, paid fortnightly.

Pensions are indexed twice a year, on 20 March and 20 September, to the highest of three measures: the consumer price index (CPI), the pensioner living cost index, and growth in male total average weekly earnings (MTAWE). The Government's Pension Reforms increased the effective benchmark for singles from 25 per cent to 27.7 per cent of MTAWE.

The pension increases have been driven by an effective 4.6 per cent increase in the male total average weekly earnings while the cost of living has only risen by 1.5 per cent.

Deeming rate changes

As the economy recovers from the global economic crisis, rates of return on investments are also beginning to increase.

New Pension Rates

Service pension	Old rate	Rate as of	Increase
Single person	\$671.90	\$701.10	\$29.20
Couples (each)	\$506.50	\$528.50	\$22.00
Couples (combined)	\$1013.00	\$1057.00	\$44.00
War widow's pension	\$679.00	\$709.60	\$30.60
Income support supplement	\$202.50	\$211.90	\$9.40
Totally and Permanently Incapacitated (Special Rate Pensioners)	\$1022.10	\$1069.30	\$47.20
Intermediate rate disability pension	\$693.50	\$725.50	\$32.00
Extreme Disablement Adjustment (EDA)	\$564.10	\$590.20	\$26.10
100 per cent disability pension	\$363.10	\$379.90	\$16.80
10 per cent disability pension	\$36.31	\$37.99	\$1.68
Wholly dependent partners death benefit (weekly)	\$307.90	\$322.10	\$14.20

As a result the deeming rates, which are used to assess income from a range of financial investments held by pensioners and other income support recipients, will also increase on 20 March from the record low levels during the global economic crisis.

The lower deeming rate will increase from 2% to 3% for financial investments up to \$42,000 for single pensioners or \$70,000 for a couple.

The deeming rate will increase from 3% to 4¹/₂% for balances over these amounts.

More information on the new pensions rates is available from DVA on 133 254, 1800 555 254 (for regional callers) or at www.dva.gov.au.

Seniors Supplement

The Seniors Supplement is paid quarterly in March, June, September and December each year. The payment combines the value of the old Seniors Concession Allowance and the Telephone Allowance for Commonwealth Seniors Health Card (CSHC) holders and eligible DVA gold card holders. Each quarterly payment may vary due to the number of days in that quarter. The March instalment of Seniors Supplement is \$196.30 for single cardholders and \$148.20 for a cardholder who is partnered. It was paid on 25 March for the three months to 15 March 2010. The annual rate of Seniors Supplement is reviewed twice each year to ensure it is in line with the cost of living. If the rate is increased, the new rate takes effect from 20 March and 20 September each year.

Veterans NSW RailCorp Travel Pass

An Ex-Member of Defence Force Pass is available from the NSW RailCorp for veterans who have at least a 10% DVA disability pension.

The pass provides free travel on both NSW government and local private bus services throughout NSW (excluding special or premium services), and free travel on Sydney Ferries Corporation services (excluding premium services).

The pass also entitles the holder to free travel on all CityRail services. These services operate within the area bounded by Goulburn, Nowra, Lithgow, Newcastle, Dungog and Scone. Free travel is also available to Bathurst; however it must be made via the Countrylink coach service from Lithgow. A booking is required in this instance.

If a holder resides outside the Sydney or Newcastle metropolitan areas, free travel is available on Countrylink services three (3) times each calendar year. Access to these free trips is available on presentation of the Pass at any CountryLink ticketing outlet or accredited travel agency.

Applications for the Pass, which is automatically renewed at the end of each October, should be made to RailCorp, Passes & Concessions, PO Box K349, Haymarket NSW 1238, accompanied by proof of the disability pension.

Do you think you were exposed to asbestos?

The Department of Defence is concerned about the possibility that ADF members and APS employees may have been exposed to asbestos in the course of their defence employment.

Current and retired ADF members and APS employees who think they may have been exposed to asbestos and would like to have their asbestos-related medical status evaluated are encouraged to contact defence on 1800 333 3623 and register with the Defence Asbestos Exposure Evaluation Scheme (DAEES). The DAEES was developed following the *Report of the Independent Review of Asbestos in Defence* (Enfield report) in 1991.

The report recommended that Defence develop a unified asbestos management policy, which would allow specified individuals to take part in medical consultations and counselling and to apply for compensation claims. More information may be located at <http://www.defence.gov.au/dpe/ohsc/programs/asbestos>.

Increased Range of Medical Grade Footwear

Under DVA's Medical Grade Footwear (MGF) programme, you may be entitled to custom-made or ready-made footwear if your podiatrist identifies that you have a clinical need for this type of footwear. MGF may only be provided to an entitled person in place of everyday footwear where normal footwear cannot be worn due to clinical reasons.

To ensure you are provided with the highest quality products, the Department keeps a register of footwear items that can be supplied to members of the veteran community. DVA recently updated its register of ready-made MGF to include new shoes and sandals. Styles that have been superseded have been removed from the list. The register is updated every 18 to 24 months following assessment by an expert panel of podiatrists and orthopaedic specialists. The register now lists 467 high quality MGF shoes/sandals. For more information, talk to your podiatrist about whether MGF can assist you.

Interdepartmental Working Group

Veterans and defence personnel will gain easier access to government services under initiatives being progressed by the Interdepartmental Working Group. From March, pensioners assessed as TPI will be considered manifestly eligible for the Centrelink Disability Support Pension and exempt from Job Capacity Assessments. The streamlined assessment process will benefit around 1100 veterans currently on the Disability Support Pension and has the potential to benefit more into the future. It recognises that these pensioners have already been through a rigorous assessment process to access their DVA benefits, so further testing is unnecessary. The Interdepartmental Working Group progressed the change after consultation with the veteran community. The working group was established in 2007 to promote inter-agency cooperation and improve access to multi-government services for veterans and service personnel. Other initiatives progressed by the group include improved data sharing between DVA and Centrelink to help reduce the risk of overpayments to more than 17,500 pensioners. A table of ADF allowances available across multiple agencies has also been compiled. It will make it easier for ADF members and their families to identify how their allowances (from Defence) may be affected by tax or benefits received from other organisations, such as Centrelink. The projects build on earlier work by the Working Group, such as listing all interdepartmental benefits and support services for separating ADF members in an ADF Transition Handbook and expanding acceptance of the ADF Identification Card as proof of identity by more agencies, such as DVA.

Ruby Olive Boye-Jones, (1891 - 1990) Coastwatcher

Boye-Jones, Ruby Olive (1891-1990), coastwatcher, was born on 29 July 1891 at St Peters, Sydney, fifth of eight children of English-born parents Alfred Jones, storeman, and his wife Emily, née Wild. Little is known of her childhood, except that she learned to play the piano. On 25 October 1919 she married Sydney Skov Boye at St Stephen's Church of England, Newtown. Her occupation was then listed as saleswoman, her husband's as laundry proprietor. They were to have two sons.

The pre-war Kauri Timber Company operated a powerful radio set on the island. This same radio was utilized during the war by the only female coastwatcher in the Pacific, Ruby Boye. When the Pacific war started, all Europeans and women were evacuated from the island. Two stayed, husband and wife: Ruby and Skov Boye.

From 1928 to 1936 the Boye family lived at Tulagi, British Solomon Islands Protectorate, moving in the latter year to Vanikoro Island, in the Santa Cruz group, where Skov managed the Vanikoro Kauri Timber Co. At the outbreak of World War II, the operator of the company's teleradio left for Australia. Before his departure, he showed Ruby how to operate the radio and transmit weather reports in voice code. She taught herself Morse code, took over complete responsibility for the radio and became a member of Eric Feldt's coastwatching service.

In May 1942 the Japanese occupied Tulagi and Guadalcanal. Invasion of the Santa Cruz Islands seemed imminent. Most European residents left for Australia, but Ruby and Skov elected to stay. Mrs Boye continued to operate the coastwatcher radio, sending her daily weather reports and acting as a relay station between coastwatchers further north and the naval intelligence office at Vila, New Hebrides. Five ft 10 ins (177 cm) tall, she was a dignified and imposing woman, with dark, wavy hair and a warm smile.

When the US Army arrived later in 1942, the location was named the Third US Army Outpost, and Ruby was then under US Navy command. Her role expanded to include sending intelligence messages to coastwatchers, and US Intelligence HQ in Port Vila. Boye's broadcasts were vital and appreciated by Allied aviators and sailors. Feldt commended her courage and Admiral William F. Halsey, United States Navy, made a special flight in a PBV to Vanikoro to meet her.

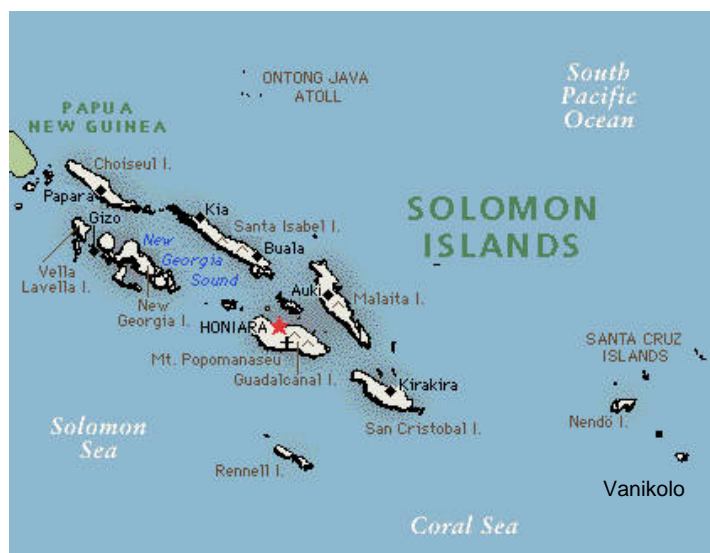
Being civilians, the coastwatchers risked execution as spies if captured by the enemy. To provide a measure of protection, the Royal

Australian Navy had begun to grant them naval rank from March 1942. However, it was not until 27 July 1943 that Boye was appointed a third officer, Women's Royal Australian Naval Service. Her rank was honorary and carried no pay, setting her apart from her male contemporaries. The Japanese knew of her presence, having sent her a threatening radio message in 1942.

When she fell ill late in 1943, he sent a US Navy aircraft to evacuate her for treatment. She was relieved in late 1943, after two years of service, and was taken by PBV back to Sydney for treatment for shingles. When the war moved further to the north, this ended the service of the Pacific's only female coastwatcher. Her WRANS appointment terminated on 30 September 1946.

Boye left Vanikoro only when her husband became seriously ill in 1947. He died shortly after they arrived in Sydney. On 19 June 1950 at St John's Church of England, Penshurst, she married Frank Bengough Jones (d.1961), a departmental manager and widower. Mrs Boye-Jones, as she became known, remained alone in her Penshurst home after Frank's death until she reached her late nineties. Survived by the two sons of her first marriage, she died on 14 September 1990 at Narwee and was cremated. An accommodation block at the Australian Defence Force Academy, Canberra, is named after her. The Ex-WRANS Association dedicated a page to her in the Garden Island Chapel Remembrance Book.

In recognition for her work as a coastwatcher during World War II Ruby Boye was appointed to the Order of the British Empire (Civil) on 25 July 1944. She also received the 1939-1945 Pacific Star and War Medal and was made a Life Member of the WRANS Association.



How damned lies hit the consumer price index

Peter Martin

The consumer price index is one of the least-reliable measures of inflation in the world. That's not my assessment, but that of the Reserve Bank - one of its primary users. Other critics are more savage, particularly those concerned with the anachronistic approach of the Australian Bureau of Statistics in stifling competing measures of inflation in order "to ensure the broader user community is not confused".

The ABS deserves credit for publishing on its website each of the submissions to its review of the CPI. They do not make pleasant reading.

The Reserve Bank board meets monthly with "the objective of keeping consumer price inflation between 2 and 3 per cent on average over the cycle".

Yet Australia's CPI is published only quarterly, leaving the Reserve Bank flying somewhat blind every second and third meeting, a distinction it says it shares with none of its G20 counterparts. Worse, as it delicately puts it, "in recent years there have been a couple of instances of quarterly readings that subsequently proved not to be representative of the general trend".

After the ABS releases what turns out to be a misleading number (which inevitably it does from time to time), the central bank has to wait the best part of half a year to get its bearings back, in which time it may have adjusted rates the wrong way, or have not adjusted them when it should have. This was arguably the case in early 2007, when a very low CPI number helped dissuade it from increasing rates as it subsequently did substantially later in the year.

Even when the CPI is not misleading, it is old. Many of the prices are collected monthly but "not published until as much as three months later, and then only as part of a quarterly average".

And much of it is misleading. The fourth-largest component of the CPI, known as the deposit and loan index, is an erratic attempt to measure interest margins and financial charges.

The Reserve says that index jumped 16 per cent over the year to September 2008, "partly reflecting a one-off correction of earlier errors" adding about 0.75 percentage points to the official CPI, before sliding 15 per cent and subtracting 0.75 points.

Bizarrely, the method used to create the index at times produces "a negative price" and at other times creates what the Treasury calls a "feedback loop between monetary policy and the CPI, whereby tighter monetary policy contributes to a higher CPI result and vice versa".

The Treasury and the Reserve Bank want the component removed unless it can be improved.

But negative price changes turn out to be widespread throughout the CPI.

Rob Bray was this year awarded the Public Service Medal for his work on the Harmer pensions review. His submission to the review, written from his new position at the Australian National University, says alleged negative price changes are sprinkled throughout the index in a way that makes it hard to work out what is real and what is not.

For instance, in the past three decades the ABS's measure of the price of "audio-visual and computing equipment" has slid 86 per cent at a time when the total CPI has more than tripled.

Although the ABS doesn't reveal the contribution of computers to the apparent slide, Bray thinks it would be substantial.

It is true that computers are cheaper, but they are also better. The ABS estimates how much better, and effectively subtracts that from the actual price.

It makes sense to do that for traditional goods such as coffee. If a jar doubles in size but the price remains unchanged, the ABS is justified in halving its measure of the underlying price.

But it needn't make sense when dealing with computers, cars or rental housing.

Two decades ago, computers came with about 640Kb of memory. Now they come with at least 1Gb. On that measure their quality has improved 1562 times, but their usefulness has not. Modern computers need that extra memory. They don't work without it.

Bray writes: "A computer's quality is more usually judged by an individual in the context of what they can do with it - a price index which does not take this into account does not reflect the way in which the cost of living has changed."

The ABS acknowledges the concern in a paper prepared for the inquiry but dresses it up as a problem of "common perceptions".

Bray says it is not only that the ABS's measure fails to accord with perceptions, but also that it fails to accord with reality - with the actual price of a standard computer.

It is the same with motor vehicles. The CPI says they cost less than they did 20 years ago. But most cars don't. Bray says a Ford Falcon costs 80 per cent more.

The CPI says Sydney rents climbed 3.6 per cent a year in the past decade. But the Rental Bond Board says they rose by 5.2 per cent a year. Some of the difference would be due to the two measuring different things, but much would be due to ABS

discounting actual rent increases to account for what it sees as improvements in the quality of housing.

Bray points out that much of the improvement is due to regulations. As with computers, it is no longer easy to buy earlier models.

The CPI is inadequate as a measure of the cost of living, as is the new special Pensioner and Beneficiary index, which suffers from the same defects.

But the bigger problem is that the ABS won't tell us how big the potential problem is. Tom Hayes, a former head of the Industry Department, writes that it is "a sad lapse that the ABS does not maintain any data about the extent of the adjustments it makes to shelf prices for changes in the quality of products".

At best, this looks like a desire to protect the franchise. The ABS writes it "has a responsibility to ensure the broad user community is not confused by the presence of alternative CPI measures". In reality, this attitude is probably doing far more harm to its franchise than would sharing openly what it does and what it knows. The ABS's work is too important to be left to the ABS.

Sydney Morning Herald 31 March 2010

Peter Martin is the Herald's economics correspondent.

Veterans' Health WeekACT

Canberra

25 August: Lake Burley Griffin, Bridge to Bridge Walk, 9.30am

GPO Box 9998 – DVA's New Mailing Address

DVA has a new mailing address. All mail that is sent to DVA's major office locations should be addressed to: **GPO Box 9998 IN YOUR CAPITAL CITY**. "In your capital city" means that you need to insert the location, based on which city you would like the mail item delivered. This change will ensure a more efficient and effective mailing system for DVA. Mail sent to one of the old post office addresses will still arrive safely, but only for a short period of time, as the mail box deliveries will cease later in the year.

Separate post office box addresses for individual VAN and VVCS offices, the OAWG, RMA, VRB, DSHI and DSHL remain unchanged.

Partners of Veterans Association

The Partners of Veterans Association of Australia Inc is apolitical and non-sectarian and was established for the principal purpose of promoting the special interests and welfare of veterans and their families and, for this purpose, has the following objectives:

- To be the national body with a national voice and focus for all partners of veterans
- To confine itself to the welfare, support and special interests of current and former partners of veterans and their families
- To act as the sole conduit at the national level for the purpose of representing and negotiating with ministers, departments and instrumentalities of the Australian Government
- To provide support for the State Partners of Veterans Associations and to continue to liaise with these associations
- To identify the needs partners of veterans so that the Association is better able to represent partners of veterans and fulfil the objectives of the Association
- To raise community awareness and to develop an informed public opinion on matters related to these objectives by promoting or arranging, or providing for, or assisting to promote; or provide for the holding of exhibitions, meetings, lectures, seminars or films, consistent with the objectives of the Association
- To provide a coordinating role in the delivery of a national information service on the health and welfare needs for partners of veterans, partner-focused organisations, governments, researchers and others
- To liaise and/or affiliate with any organisation having similar objectives to the Association
- To provide leadership and advocacy at a national level for health and welfare, promoting strategies, policy and program development that assists partners of veterans, their dependants and descendants
- To provide support and assistance to alleviate suffering and distress experienced by partners and children of veterans
- To compile, print and publish; or to assist in the compilation, printing or publication of such materials as would further the objectives of the Association
- To carry out any other functions including surveys, reports and submissions that the Board considers appropriate from time to time, that may be of benefit to partners of veterans

To pursue all opportunities for financial support for the Association as the Board may deem desirable for the promotion of these objectives

Note: The NSW Branch encompasses the ACT (www.pva.org.au)

Veterans Access to Influenza Vaccine

I am writing to you to provide advice on the recent changes to the arrangements for 'veterans and war widows accessing the influenza vaccine. The extension of the criteria will allow more veterans and war widows to participate in the National Immunisation Program (NIP).

Prior to 1 March 2010, veterans were able to access the influenza vaccine either through the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS)/Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (RPBS) or through the NIP.

Under the PBS/RPBS, access was restricted to those who were deemed to be at special risk of adverse consequences from infections of the lower respiratory tract. The vaccine itself was supplied through pharmacies and patients were required to pay the co-payment charge. Under the NIP, access was restricted to patients 65 years and over, and those medically at risk Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders (ATSI) between 15 and 49 years or those ATSI 50 years and over. The vaccine was available directly from surgeries which meant no pharmaceutical co-payment was required,

Were a veteran or war widow did not meet the criteria for either the PBS/RPBS or the NIP, it was possible to access the vaccine under the RPBS prior approval arrangements based on individual clinical circumstances. Supply under this arrangement was via the pharmacy and a co-payment was required.

Since 1 March 2010 the vaccine is no longer listed on the PBS/RPBS however the NIP has extended its criteria. The NIP now covers:

- people 65 years and over.
- ATSI 15 years and over,
- pregnant women, and
- people 6 months and over with an underlying health condition predisposing to severe infection.

This change is aimed at improving access to the vaccine for persons at increased risk of adverse consequences from influenza infection by making it easier to access the vaccination,

The vaccines provided under the NIP are directly available through the surgeries and veterans and war widows are advised to discuss the vaccination with their doctor. Vaccines supplied through the NIP will not attract the pharmaceutical co-payment, Where a veteran or war widow does not fit the NIP criteria, the treating doctor can contact the Veterans' Affairs Pharmaceutical Advisory Centre (VAPAC) to request funding under the

Military Cross awarded to 21 year old RN Medical Assistant for bravery in AFGHANISTAN



HRH Prince Charles invests AB Kate Nesbitt with the Military Cross for bravery during an investiture service in Buckingham Palace.

RPBS prior approval arrangements based on a veteran's or war widow's individual circumstances. The vaccine would then be provided by the pharmacy and a patient co-payment applies.

With the extended NIP criteria, it is expected that more veterans and war widows will be able to access their flu vaccinations through the NIP either on the basis of their age or their underlying health status. A veteran or war widow who has received a flu vaccination under the previous arrangements will continue to have access under the new arrangements,

I hope this has been of assistance, though if you have any further questions I would be happy to respond.

Yours sincerely

Ken Douglas
General Manager
Services Division

6 April 2010

Note;

The words of the author of the caption under the picture above are slightly misleading

ANZAC DAY MARCH – 2010

We will provide vehicles for those who find it difficult to march the distance. These will be located at the top of ANZAC Parade on the right hand side. Some idea of the numbers of your marchers who might require transport would be appreciated.

As usual provision will be made for toilets and water points.

Large contingents are asked to form up six abreast and bands are being asked to play at 110 paces per minute.

After the march when you reach the seating area it is important you follow the directions of the ushers and remember the seating is for marchers only, not NOK. NOK can obtain seating tickets by contacting the Australian War Memorial in advance.

Once the march has been formed please ensure your mobile phone is SWITCHED OFF.

At the Australian War Memorial, the ceremony takes place at 10.15 am in the presence of people such as the prime minister and the governor general. Each year the ceremony follows a pattern that is familiar to generations of Australians.



Timings

The Dawn Service commences at 0530 hrs at the Australian War Memorial

Form-up for the ANZAC Day March 0945 - 1015
March commences 1030

Refreshments after the March

NAA members who are not members of the HMAS Sydney VLSV Assoc are invited to participate in the VLSV Assoc' post march get together in the Eastlakes Football Club in Kingston after the march.

Finger food and a limited dry till are included in the get together.

A contribution of \$10 per non VLSVA NAA member to support the function will be appreciated.

ANZAC DAY ORDER OF MARCH 2010 (AS AT 20 FEB 2010)

1. RIDERLESS HORSE
2. PARADE COMMANDER AND PARTY
3. YOUTH FLAG PARTY
4. NEW ZEALAND
5. WW1 BANNER
6. HERITAGE TROOP
7. WWII NAVY
8. WWII ARMY
9. COMMANDO ASSOCIATION
10. RATS OF TOBRUK
11. NEW GUINEA SURVEY SECTION
12. WWII AIR FORCE
13. KOREA
14. HMAS SYDNEY – ESCORTS – VLSA
15. AATTV
16. 1 CIVIL AFFAIRS UNIT
17. 161 RECONNAISSANCE ASSOCIATION
18. 9 SQUADRON – RAAF ASSOCIATION
19. VIETNAM VETERANS ASSOCIATION
20. VIETNAM VETERANS FEDERATION
21. EX-SERVICEWOMEN'S ASSOCIATION
22. **NAVAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA**
23. NAVAL WARFARE ASSOCIATION
24. FLEET AIR ARM ASSOCIATION
25. HMAS PERTH ASSOCIATION
26. SUBMARINE ASSOCIATION
27. RAN WRITERS' ASSOCIATION
28. COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH RAN
29. **WRANS ASSOCIATION**
30. ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION
31. ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARMOURD CORPS ASSOCIATION
32. ROYAL REGIMENT OF AUSTRALIAN ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION
33. ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION
34. ROYAL AUSTRALIAN SURVEY CORPS ASSOCIATION
35. ROYAL AUSTRALIAN SIGNALS ASSOCIATION
36. ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT ASSOC2 RAN/NZ
37. SAS ASSOCIATION
38. AUSTRALIAN INTELLIGENCE CORPS
39. ROYAL AUSTRALIAN CORPS OF TRANSPORT/ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARMY SERVICE CORPS
40. ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS (ASSOCIATION)
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43. ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARMY DENTAL CORPS ASSOCIATION
44. ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARMY ORDNANCE CORPS ASSOCIATION
45. RAA ELECTRICAL AND MECH ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION
46. AUSTRALIAN CORPS OF MILITARY POLICE ASSOCIATION
47. CMF AND ARMY RESERVE
48. ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION
49. RAAF
50. AIRFIELD DEFENCE ASSOCIATION
51. 28 (CITY OF CANBERRA) SQUADRON RAAF
52. RSL WODEN VALLEY SUB BRANCH
53. RSL TUGGERANONG SUB BRANCH
54. RSL HELLENIC SUB BRANCH
55. BRITISH SUB BRANCH
56. RSL VIETNAMESE SUB BRANCH
57. RSL PEACEKEEPERS SUB BRANCH
58. AUST PEACEKEEPERS AND PEACEMAKERS VETERANS' ASSOCIATION
59. MALAYA AND BORNEO VETERANS ASSOCIATION & SANDAKAN FAMILIES ASSOCIATION
60. GULF WAR ASSOCIATION
61. EAST TIMOR
62. NATIONAL SERVICE ASSOCIATION
63. NATIONAL SERVICE & COMBINED FORCES ASSOCIATION
64. NETHERLANDS
65. USA
66. TURKEY
67. AUSTRALIAN NAVY CADETS – TS CANBERRA
68. 224 REGIONAL CADET UNIT
69. AIR CADETS
70. AUSTRALIAN AIR LEAGUE
71. BANDS
72. MARSHALS

SURPLUS MAGAZINES?

An ongoing request. The Canberra Hospital's mobile library service is extremely short of magazines, especially men's to loan to patients. Should any member have surplus magazines, rather than throw them out, would they please consider giving them to either Judith or Peter McNay?, when they will be gratefully received. Remember, you could be in hospital at some stage and would love to have a couple to while away your boring time there!

SOCIAL MATTERS

A reminder that Peter Burn's BBQ will be held on Sunday 30 May. Please come along and enjoy it, as both Peter and Merle put on a most enjoyable day.

Also, there has been a change of date and time for the luncheon at the Vikings Club in Tuggeranong. (NOT now 3 June as previously advertised.) The new details are Thursday 24 June at 1200. Address is: corner of Athlon Drive and Rowland Crescent, Greenway.

This venue has been chosen so that more south-side members can come along and benefit, as we

haven't seen them for some months. So, please come along and enjoy.

(Judith)

FIVE MINUTE QUIZ

1. Acey-Deucey is a variant of what popular board game?
2. What kind of worm is Cestoda, a parasite that can live in the digestive tract of adult humans?
3. Grenadine syrup is made from what fruit?
4. Where in the body is the sartorius muscle?
5. The term for the weather phenomenon 'El Niño' when translated from Spanish means what?
6. A parapaxis is also known as a what?
7. The only royal palace is in which state?
8. Which one of the seven wonders of the ancient world remains intact?
9. What does the Bayeux Tapestry represent?
10. Which present-day capital city is mentioned in the Book of Genesis?

Answers on Page 13

Sunday 30 May 2010

BBQ at Pete's Place



Where is that : 9 Edkins Street, Downer
(wheelchair friendly)

Starting Time: 1230

Cost: \$12 per member, \$15 non-members

Grog available on site at cost price
Non-alcoholic fruit punch provided

RSVP by Tuesday 25 May on 6241 5329

*We have plenty of seating, fighting gear etc, just bring your appetite
and good humour*



Rivers Dining

At the Sports Club Kaleen
(sponsoring the printing of Bosun's Call)

...relax and enjoy yourself!!

ANZAC Day

Sunday 25 April 2010

Club opens at 0400

Bus service to dawn service
(Bookings essential)

Diggers Breakfast

0630-0900

(Bookings essential)

Two Up from 1300

Mother's day

Sunday 9 May 2010

2 Course Lunch \$15 per person
Served alternately

Main

River Chicken

(pan fried chicken with prawns in creamy sauce)

Succulent Roast Pork

Dessert

Cheese Cake

Black Forest Cake

Complimentary glass of champagne

Bookings Essential

Rivers Dining Bistro

is open seven days a week:

Lunch 12 - 2 pm

Dinner 6 pm - 9 pm

ITEMS FOR SALE

NAA Ties	\$22.00
NAA Car Decals	\$ 2.00
NAA Name Badges	\$15.00
NAA Key Ring	\$ 5.00
RAN Key Ring	\$ 5.00

See Secretary Peter (6282 2475)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Peter Burn (80), Peter Fleming, Graham Cleverly, Stewart Gordon, JJ Harrison, Robin Heron, Don Joce, Tiger Lyons, Alan Masters, Alex McGown, Ron McKenzie, Graham Moore, Margaret Moriarty, David Read, Nigel Stoker, Louis Wallington and Richard Waring

A Happy Birthday to you all.



The NAA ACT Section is very grateful for the support provided by the Canberra Southern Cross Club

Answers to Five Minute Quiz:
1. Backgammon; 2. Tapeworm; 3. Pomegranates; 4. Thigh;
5. Little boy; 6. A Freudian slip; 7. Hawaii; 8. Great Pyramid of Giza; 9. The battle of Hastings in 1066; 10. Damascus, capital of Syria

Answers to Five Minute Quiz: